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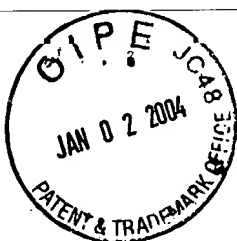
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1. Amendment and Reply (15 pages);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page);
3. Copies of seven references (114 pages total);
4. Verified Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.821(f) (1 page);
5. Paper copy of Sequence Listing Under 37 CFR § 1.823 (42 pages);
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7. Notification under 37 CFR § 1.28(b) and Fee Payment under 37 CFR § 1.28(c) (1 page);
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